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Nixon Adds a Note On Kennedy in Book

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Richard M. Nixon has added a footnote to the second printing of his book, "Six Crises," further explaining his charge that President Kennedy was told during the 1960 campaign of United States aid being given a planned Cuban invasion.

The footnote does not, however, retract the charge, which has been denied by the White House and by Allen W. Dulles, then director of the Central Intelligence Agency. It was Mr. Dulles who gave the then Senator Kennedy the intelligence briefings.

The denial by the White House and by Mr. Dulles came after the first edition of 60,000 copies of the book had already been printed and distributed to dealers. The second printing now is being published by Doubleday & Co. of New York.

In his footnote to the second edition, the former Vice President quotes a New York Times article of July 24, 1960, to substantiate his previous charge.

The footnote reads in full:

"Senator Kennedy was briefed on Cuba by the C. I. A. representatives on July 23, 1960, at Hyannis Port, Massachusetts. Press accounts at the time characterized this briefing as a 'nothing withheld rundown' on the 'two hot spots, Cuba and the Congo.' The New York Times on July 24 reported: '... such secret information as was added to the Senator's fund of knowledge about world affairs will remain secret. But it provides guidance for his campaign utterances dealing with foreign policy and defense and it puts him on the same footing as the Administration's candidate, presumably Vice President Nixon.'"

"However, after the publication of the first edition of this book, the White House issued a statement on March 20, 1962, denying that the two one-fourth hours briefing covered any United States operations relating to Cuba."

Mr. Dulles's explanation of the briefings was that they were intelligence briefings but "did not cover our own Government's plans or programs for action, overt or covert." His statement was made public the same day the denial was issued by the White House.

In the same article in The New York Times quoted by Mr. Nixon in his footnote, there also appeared the following colloquy between the Democratic candidate and reports following the meeting with Mr. Dulles:

"Did you find it useful?" Senator Kennedy was asked afterward. "I did," he replied. "The United States is faced with a good many serious problems around the world. Mr. Dulles has discussed them with me in detail, particularly the situation in Africa."

Mr. Kennedy was not quoted further in the story, and apparently was not asked whether the Cuban situation had, in fact, been discussed.

Nixon Says He Became Angry

In the chapter to which the footnote has been attached as an addendum, Mr. Nixon wrote that Mr. Kennedy's call that fall for all-out American aid to opponents of Premier Fidel Castro both inside Cuba and out had made him mad because he thought the Democratic candidate "with full knowledge of the facts, was jeopardizing the security of a United States foreign policy operation."

The then Vice President said he had asked Fred A. Seaton, President Eisenhower's Secretary of the Interior to check and see whether Mr. Kennedy had been briefed on the Cuban operation. Mr. Seaton called the White House "on the security line," Mr. Nixon wrote, and reported that "Kennedy had been briefed."

Mr. Seaton confirmed this after the White House denial but declined to reveal from whom he had received that information.

Mr. Dulles, in his statement supporting President Kennedy's version of the briefings, said this about Mr. Nixon's version:

"There has been here, I believe, an honest misunderstanding. This was probably due to the nature of the message Mr. Nixon writes he received as to these briefings."

Another Briefing Noted

In addition to the briefing of July 23 to which Mr. Nixon refers, Mr. Kennedy also was briefed by Mr. Dulles on Sept. 19. In neither, said the White House, was Mr. Kennedy told of the planned Cuban invasion, which took place after he had taken office, in the spring of 1961.

Mr. Kennedy did not learn of the Cuban plans, the White House said, until after he had been elected President. That information came to him during a briefing at Palm Beach on Nov. 18, by Mr. Dulles and by Richard Bissell, then Mr. Dulles' deputy in charge of operations.

The announcement about the footnote was made here by Doubleday & Co. It said the second printing would be ready for shipment to book stores by April 1. The first edition already is sold out, the company said.